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UPDATE: Lane Closure Advisories for the I-12 and I-10 Widening Projects

Baton Rouge— There are scheduled closures associated with the I-12 and I-10 widening projects for this week. The following I-12 closure is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, weather permitting:

- Eastbound I-12 between O’Neal Lane and Pete’s Highway will reduce to one lane from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.; there will also be intermittent closures of the Range Avenue on-ramp to eastbound I-12 at this time.

Eastbound drivers wishing to detour this area may exit at O’Neal Lane and travel north to Florida Boulevard. Turn right onto Florida Blvd. and travel east to Juban Road. Turn right onto Juban Rd. and travel south to reconnect with I-12. Drivers wishing to enter eastbound I-12 from Range Avenue may travel north on Range Ave. to Florida Blvd. Turn right onto Florida Blvd. and travel east to Juban Rd. Turn right onto Juban Rd. and travel south to reconnect with I-12. Oversized loads/vehicles will not be permitted to travel through these areas without proper permits and escorts because the lanes will only allow for 11’ wide or smaller vehicles to pass through the construction zone. All emergency vehicles will have access to travel through this area.

The following I-10 closure is scheduled for Friday, December 10, weather permitting:

- The Highland Road on-ramp to westbound I-10 will be restriped from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There won’t be any lane or ramp closures, but traffic shifts will be necessary. This closure was originally scheduled for Wednesday, December 8 but was postponed due to weather.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development appreciates your patience and encourages drivers to exercise caution and obey all warning signs through the construction area. Please be aware of all construction workers and equipment.

The Louisiana DOTD Geaux Wider program is a multi-year construction initiative designed to increase capacity, improve safety and enhance mobility on Interstates 10 and 12 in East Baton Rouge and Livingston Parishes.

The following interstate segments will be widened to six lanes under the Geaux Wider program:

- Interstate 10, from the I-10/12 split to Siegen Lane.
- Interstate 10, from the Siegen Lane interchange to Highland Road.

- Interstate 12, from the O'Neal Lane interchange to Pete's Highway.
- Interstate 12 eastbound, from Pete's Highway to Juban Road.

Construction is underway now with the completion date for the entire program estimated for 2013. For more information, contact Louisiana DOTD Customer Service at 1-877-4LA-DOTD (3683) or visit www.geauxwider.com.

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